

A grant of \$7,500 will be provided to successful applicants to underwrite their travel and living expenses incurred during up to two weeks of training at one or more host institutions. The funds are also intended to provide for roundtrip travel and four nights' accommodations at the annual meeting of the Association scheduled for May 10-14, 2008 in San Diego, California. The fellowship must be completed prior to March 31, 2008.

Applicants must have the approval of their home and prospective host institutions. Candidates must complete an AATS application and include a one-page outline of what they hope to accomplish during their training. Additionally, award recipients must agree to submit a summary report to the membership of the association within thirty days after the completion of their training.

The candidate must be a North American resident in their final year of an ACGME approved cardiothoracic surgical training program.

Applications are available online at www.aats.org and must be completed **no later than July 1, 2007**. The selected candidates will be notified by **September 30, 2007**.

Norman E. Shumway Research Scholarship 2008-2010

The American Association for Thoracic Surgery announces the Norman E. Shumway Research Scholarship to provide an opportunity for research, training, and experience for North American surgeons committed to pursuing an academic career in cardiothoracic surgery. The scholarship will be funded by the Association and administered by the Graham Education and Research Foundation.

The research program must be undertaken within the first three years after completion of an approved cardiothoracic residency. Applications for the scholarship may be submitted during the candidate's final year of cardiothoracic residency or during his or her first two years in an academic position. The duration of the scholarship is to be two years.

The yearly stipend shall be \$80,000 paid to the host institution for salary support, research supplies, travel, and other legitimate academic expenses of the scholar. The application consists of three components:

1. The candidate must submit a proposal for the research to be undertaken and a statement of career plans and how the research activity will relate to the candidate's academic career.
2. The director of the laboratory in the institution at which the research will be performed shall submit an endorsement of the proposal and indicate the facilities and degree of support available for the candidate's research.
3. The chairman of the candidate's department shall submit his or her endorsement of the proposal and indicate the willingness of the institution to provide an academic appointment for the candidate upon completion of the scholarship.

The application and its components must be submitted online at www.aats.org by **July 1, 2007**. Announcement of the award will be made by the president of The American Association for Thoracic Surgery **December 15, 2007**. The scholar-

ship will begin July 1, 2008. Following completion of the two-year program, the scholar shall submit a written report of his/her research activities to the membership of the Association.

The Western Thoracic Surgical Association

Announcement of 2007 Annual Meeting

The Thirty-third Annual Meeting of the Western Thoracic Surgical Association will be held June 27-30, 2007 at the Hyatt Regency Tamaya in Santa Ana Pueblo, New Mexico. The scientific sessions are open to all duly qualified physicians. Participation in other Association activities for members, invited guests, and program participants requires payment of a social registration fee.

Requests for Meeting Information

Meeting preregistration and hotel registration forms are available from:

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Material for the Program

Scientific papers will be considered from members and nonmembers. Member sponsorship is not necessary.

For the 2007 Annual Meeting, abstract submission opened on November 13, 2006. All abstracts must be submitted electronically via the WTSa Web site. Information and a link to the submission site were posted on the Web site on November 13, 2006. A Call for Abstracts will be mailed out around that time. Abstracts of proposed papers were submitted on or before January 8, 2007.

Accepted authors must send the complete manuscript directly to *The Journal of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery* and must not exceed 3000 words without illustrations. Electronic submissions are to be sent to <http://jtcvs.editorialmanager.com> where complete instructions are also available. The essay length must be reduced appropriately when figures or tables are included.

Samson Resident Prize Essay

The Association offers a prize for the best manuscript on a topic of interest to thoracic surgeons in honor of Paul C. Samson, MD. Candidates for the prize must be in a training program in the United States or Canada. The one essayist whose abstract, manuscript, and presentation are judged most outstanding will receive a \$2000 cash award following the presentation of all papers in Sun Valley. The conditions for abstract submission, presentation, and publication as described above will apply. The authors of the abstracts chosen for the program make up the finalists and were notified by mid-February 2007 that they must submit *six completed manuscripts for review by the Prize Essay Committee*. The Prize Essay committee will make its selection following the presentation of all papers.